

An Association of all
Irrigation Companies
and Individuals
diverting water from
the Uintah and
Lakefork Rivers

Associated Water Users

of Uintah and Lakefork Rivers

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Robert L Morgan, State Engineer
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Water Rights
1636 West North Temple, Suite 220
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116-3156

Dear Mr. Morgan;

As you may remember, the Associated Water Users approached you a year ago about making the river commissioner of the Lakefork and Uintah Rivers a state appointed position. Our request was denied.

We feel that the conditions that determined your response have eased in the year since, but our situation is the same if not worse. The Association's authority is being questioned by some of its member companies. We need the authority of the State Engineer for our commissioner to effectively and fairly distribute the water of these two rivers according to the legal rights.

We are aware that at least one of our member companies is requesting this move and in conversation with representatives of the BIA, it appears they too would support this appointment. We therefore, request that you reconsider your position and make the river commissioner of the Lakefork and Uintah Rivers a state appointed position.

The situation is such that we feel immediate action is needed, therefore we ask that you give this matter high priority.

Sincerely,



Keith Mortensen,
President

cc: Bob Leake